

**MINUTES  
ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL AGENCY  
TRI-ANNUAL MEETING  
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
NOVEMBER 16, 2018**

**Board Members Present:** Shirley R. Madigan, Chairman;  
Rhoda A. Pierce, Vice Chairman/Secretary;  
Lisa Dent Flesner; Henry Godinez;  
Desiree Grode; Valerie King; Gary Matts;  
Peggy Montes; Sheila M. O'Brien;  
Cecilia Rodhe; Christine Steelman

**Board Members Absent:** Jill Arena; Rich Daniels; Beth Boosalis Davis;  
Christina K. Gidwitz; Jodie S. Kavensky;  
Jennifer Levine; Tim Touhy; Howard Tullman;  
Donald Wiener

**Chairman Madigan called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.**

**The Chairman thanked Board members for attending the meeting. She noted that the agenda for the meeting would be brief. However, the IACA must continue to adhere to a schedule of meeting three times each year. Chairman Madigan reported that with a change of administration, the Illinois Arts Council Agency (IACA) was preparing for the transition. She acknowledged that the current Governor had worked well with us and that the IACA had a positive impact on his office as well. The IACA does positive work on behalf of the government and the citizens of Illinois.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2018 BOARD MEETING**

**It was moved by Rhoda Pierce and seconded that the Minutes of the August 24, 2018 Board meeting, as presented in the Board book under Tab 1, be approved. The motion carried.**

**RATIFICATION OF FY19 GRANTS**

**It was moved by Rhoda Pierce and seconded that the FY19 Grants, as presented in the Board book under Tab 2 pages 1-4, be ratified. The motion carried.**

**ABSTENTIONS: None**

**ONE STATE TOGETHER IN THE ARTS**

**The Galesburg Exchange: One State Together in the Arts Conference was held in Galesburg, Illinois, on October 22-23. This biennial statewide conference is produced in partnership with Arts Alliance Illinois (AAI). The 2018 conference reflected the host**

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Madigan provided Board members with an update on recent IACA activities including the submittal of an excellent partnership application to the National Endowment for the Arts for continued federal funding. She also spoke about Governor-elect Pritzker and his wife, stating that they have a great interest in the arts and noting that the IACA should work well with the new administration. Because the IACA members do not require Senate confirmation, we may not be required to testify before the new administration's transition team. Vice Chairman Pierce provided a brief update about Arts Midwest, our regional arts affiliate. She reported that their long-time leader, David Fraher, would be stepping down in the coming year, and that she will chair the Transition Committee which is charged with recommending a new President and CEO to the full board of Arts Midwest for approval. The search will be completed by August 2019.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The last few months have been a busy time for the Agency. The IACA has had representation statewide and nationally, including annual conferences for Arts Midwest, the National Association of State Arts Agencies, Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Illinois Arts Education Association, and our own One State Together in the Arts. In addition to IACA staff outreach, we have launched many of our yearly programs including the Ethnic and Folk Arts Master/Apprentice, Arts and Foreign Language, Summer Youth Employment in the Arts, Literary Awards, and the Artist Fellowship Awards. We also continue to receive applications for all of our open deadline grants including Artstour/Live Music, Individual Artist, and StArts.

Due to the hard work of the IACA Program Directors, the IACA has seen an increase across the board in the number of applications received. The Artist Fellowships have only been awarded one other time in the past 10 years, and yet we still received 576 applications for FY19. In the year ahead, the IACA will continue to focus its efforts on complying with the Governor's office initiatives, building relationships within our constituency and on a national level, and completing a new Strategic Plan that will be submitted to the National Endowment for the Arts and will focus our efforts on how to best meet the needs of Illinois.

It was moved by Rhoda Pierce and seconded that the Illinois Arts Council Agency, having completed its scheduled business, be adjourned. The motion carried.

Chairman Madigan adjourned the meeting at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rhoda A. Pierce, Vice Chairman/Secretary